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In re Application of: Hochrein et al.

Serial No.: 09/401,595

Filed: September 22, 1999

For: Cover For Contained Aerobic  
Treatment of Biodegradable Matter

) Confirmation No. 4868

) Group Art Unit: 1771

) Examiner: Cheryl Ann Juska

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL (date of telefaxing document)

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and  
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Response to Non-Compliant Amendment and Resubmission of  
Amendment (6 pages).

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED  
TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL  
OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS  
APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT UNDER  
37 CFR 1.121 AND RESUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT UNDER CFR 1.312

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 2, 2007, applicants have corrected the proper status identifiers for the claims and are resubmitting the entire corrected Amendment.

Claims 10,-12, 15-17, 19 and 22 were rejected in an Office Action dated October 24, 2006. In response to the Office Action, please consider the remarks provided herein and editorially amend the above-identified patent application, as follows: